



Lewis & Clark County 4-H Newsletter

February
2015



Council Meeting

Council meeting will be **Wednesday, February 11th at 5:30 in the Bill Hamilton Building.**

I was very excited to see a large turnout for the last couple Council Meeting. I encourage all to attend the meetings and let your voices be heard. I do want to remind everyone that we encourage members to come and give their input as it is about the 4-H member and not about what the adults want. Hope to see you all at the February Council meeting.

As always if you have questions contact David Hamilton at 431-1948 or email at davidhamilton431@gmail.com

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www.montana4h.org
www.msuextension.org

County 4-H Foundation

Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 3 at 5:30 pm in the Extension Upper Conference Room.** All 4-H members and leaders are welcomed to attend.



First Annual Dream Big Fundraiser will start this month. This raffle consists of 11 prizes. Tickets will be sold by 4-H members and leaders. Each club will be given details.

Hello Lewis and Clark County 4-H!

I'm very excited to be your new 4-H Extension Agent! Between Janet, Brent, and the wonderful 4-H volunteers and members I have met thus far, I can tell this is an exceptional 4-H Program already! I'm here to provide advice and support. The beauty of 4-H and Extension is that it is truly for you to learn and grow!

A bit about myself, I grew up on a cow/calf operation as a Ravalli County 4-H member and was in projects from beef to sewing, dairy to leathercraft, and livestock judging to 4-H Camp. I started by attending 4-H Congress and then helped put it on in college. I graduated from Montana State University and I've worked for the Montana 4-H Foundation, Montana Stockgrowers Association, as a 4-H Agent in California for six years, for several Fairs, and I even sold bull semen at ORigen. I love Montana and I love 4-H!

I want to get to know each and every member and volunteer in Lewis and Clark County 4-H. Please come to the office to say hello or if you see me at a meeting or around town say hello as well.

Looking forward to meeting you!

Mary Meyer



It is with great sadness that Lea Ann Larson passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2015. She was a 4-H leader, volunteer and parent in Lewis & Clark County for many years. Sympathy cards can be sent to Ed Larson & Family 35451 Minesinger Trail Polson, Mt 59860

INDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Indoor Committee meeting is Monday, February 23 at 5:30 in the Extension Conference Room. On the agenda will be updating Project Judging Sheets and a report from the High Point committee.

We are looking for a Robotics and Woodworking Superintendents. If interested please call Dora at 475-3640 if you have any questions.

Grand Foods/Stir Ups



This year we will be hosting this event at Helena Middle School – 1025 N. Rodney. This event will be hosted on **Saturday, February 21, 2015.**

All 4-H members and Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate in this fun-filled event. You **do not** have to be enrolled in the foods project to participate. Grand Foods is lots of fun as all members get to prepare “themed” or fun dishes, baked goods, etc. The more creative you are, the more fun it is. Check in starts at 10:00 a.m. and judging will start at 10:30.

Senior members we are hoping you will participate in Stir Ups. Individuals and teams consisting of two people may enter. Participants will prepare a soup utilizing five of the nine ingredients listed on the registration form. Additionally participants may use other ingredients and spices to complete their meal. Participants must use at least one mystery ingredient of their choice and up to three. Check in at 8:30 a.m. and judging will start at 9:00.

Registration form is on the website and available in the office. Registration form needs to be turned in to the Extension Office by Friday, February 13, 2015.

If you have any questions about grand foods or Stir Ups, please don't hesitate to contact Cheryl Richman at 227-2685 after 4:30 pm.

Teen Leaders

Hello Teen Leaders! We hope you enjoyed Legislative breakfast, what an awesome opportunity to encourage our legislators to support 4-H by continuing Extension funding. Telling your 4-H story does so much for 4-H. You might have noticed the State Ambassadors helping out so please consider becoming a State Ambassador, if you are interested talk to Catherine, Dora or Sandy. Now is the time to consider applying for a State Award, even if you are just in the planning stages.

We will be meeting **Sunday, February 15 at 12:10 at the indoor ice skating rink**, and if everyone wants we can go for hot chocolate /snacks afterwards. Please bring \$10.00.

We should be done by 2:30. If you have any questions please call Dora Lindner 202-5303 or Sandy Merchen 465-9364



Cloverbuds



Please join Pheasants Forever on **Wednesday, February 18 at 4:30 at the 4-H building** as they teach us about game bird habitats and show us how to make bee pollinators seed balls. Please RSVP to Catherine 439-8570 or Dora at 475-3640.

Shooting Sports



Join us **Tuesday evenings at either 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm** for air rifle and/or **Thursday evenings at 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm** for archery.

Lewis and Clark Shooting Invitational – Saturday, January 31, 2015
Exhibit Hall, Fairgrounds. Shooting starts at 8:00 a.m.

Watch your email for details of upcoming tournaments. If you are enrolled in shooting sports and have not been getting emails please call Susan at 439-3468 to make sure your email is on this year's list.

Congratulations Christopher Gransbery for a job well done on the mini shoot.

Thank you to those who recently became certified coaches. Thank you to everyone helping with the invitational shoot! We really do appreciate the team effort.

Any questions contact Susan Mitchell @ 439-3468

Photography

4-H Photography Members: mark your calendars for several workshops.

Framing and Matting Workshop

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Ben Franklin Frame Shop
400 Euclid Ave. (Lundy Shopping Center)

Professional framers will discuss frame and color selections, and demonstrate how to present a photo. Bring one of your photos to the workshop.

Contact: Luke Duran, 406.461.7799, ElementL@bresnan.net

Outdoor Photography Workshop with wildlife photographer Chris McGowan

Thursday, Feb. 26, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

We will meet at the BHB at 4:30 p.m. for a short talk by Chris, and then walk out to the duck ponds to photograph birds and nature. Dress warmly for cold weather, and bring your camera.

Contact: Luke Duran, 406.461.7799, ElementL@bresnan.net

Working with Photography and Graphic Design

Wednesday, March 11, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Meet at Montana Outdoors magazine, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
930 West Custer Ave.

We will discuss the role of an art director and photo editor in reviewing photography, and making selections to tell a story in a magazine layout.

Contact: Luke Duran, 406.461.7799, ElementL@bresnan.net

Walking Photo Workshop with photographer Kenton Rowe

Wednesday, March 25, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Meet at the Archie Bray Foundation
2915 Country Club Ave.

Kenton will lead us on a walking tour of the Bray to photograph architecture, sculpture, and nature.

Contact: Luke Duran, 406.461.7799, ElementL@bresnan.net



Sewing & Handiwork Workshop

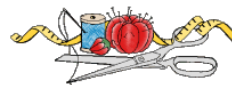
Sunday, February 8, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Extension office upper conference room

Bring your sewing machine and sewing tools to practice your sewing skills, techniques and assess your sewing knowledge. Knitting assistance will be available too.

Mark your calendars for workshops from 2:00 – 4:00 at the Extension upper conference room on:

Sunday, March 29 **Date Change**

Sunday, April 26 – Sewing Revue



Questions with sewing call Janet at 458-9450; with knitting and crocheting call Trudy at 799-3254

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Treat your Sweetheart to Dinner



You're invited to attend the Canyon Creek Stock 4-H Club 11th Annual Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner **Saturday, February 7, 2015 4 – 7 pm @ the Canyon Creek School**

All you can eat plus...lots of sweets and treats*Bake Sale*Raffle *Great Door Prizes*Silent Auction

\$6.00 per adult / \$15.00 per family

Hope to see you there!! For more information call Lisa at 439-0518

A portion of the proceeds to benefit the L&C 4-H Council

Outdoor and Indoor Marketing Workshop Wednesday, February 18 6:00 p.m. Bill Hamilton Building

All members planning to sell at the Indoor Auction and/or the Livestock Sale this summer plan to attend this workshop to learn helpful marketing skills. Everyone is invited! Come share your methods and learn new skills.

Hope to see you there

Joel Farrell

461-7550

Jmfarrell68@hotmail.com





MONTANA 4★H REC LAB SAVE THE DATE

March 27-29, 2015
Park High School . Livingston

The Ponderosa was a 600,000 acre ranch where the Cartwright family became wealthy through the ups and downs of living in the old west. 4-Hers will strike it rich by mining for leadership skills or logging for new ideas to take back to their clubs. Some of them will round up new project ideas. Participants are 13-19 years old as of October 1, 2014.

REGISTRATION FEE \$80

Registration open in 4honline on February 2, 2015

If you are a 4-H teen between the ages of 13 and 19 years and interested in learning leadership skills, new fun activities you can share with your clubs and would like to meet Montana youth with similar interests, then Rec Lab is for you. This is a great way to learn about state 4-H events.

For more information contact Sandy at 465-9364, Dora at 475-3640 or Catherine at 439-8570.



BioScience Montana has funding for another year! Team applications are due May 1, 2015. Approximately 4-8 teams will be selected to participate. Selected teams will work directly with MSU researchers and professors to learn about neuroscience, metabolomics, and infectious diseases through experimentation and fun, hands-on learning activities. Here is a link to the Montana site <http://eu.montana.edu/bioscience/>. Contact Stephanie Davison with questions.

Graduating Seniors – Scholarships



It's time to start filling out those scholarship applications – if you haven't started already. Applications for the 4-H Foundation scholarships are to be mailed to the Montana 4-H Foundation postmarked on or before April 1st. Please visit the links at <http://montana4h.org/#program:30> for individual scholarship information.

Other state 4-H scholarships with different application requirements and earlier deadlines can be found at <http://montana4h.org/#program:47>.

Information on the Lewis and Clark County scholarships will be available in March.

Wanting To Make a Horse Hand Scholarships – Two college scholarships for students majoring in equine studies, with emphasis on colt-starting, horsemanship, management, marketing, or horseshoeing. For information and application forms, log on to www.realranchhorses.com for information. Application deadline is March 10, 2015.

Youth Serve Montana Scholarships – Students with 100 hours of volunteer service in the past year and planning to attend a Montana college or university. Due April 15th Application at serve.mt.gov

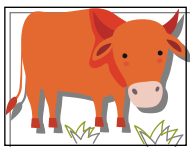
OUTDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Outdoor committee meeting is Monday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bill Hamilton Building.

With fair beginning on Tuesday passing at last month's council meeting we want everyone to be aware that all animals with the exception of rabbit must arrive at fair between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm (8:00 for poultry) on Tuesday July 21st. Rabbits must be in place by Wednesday at noon. Watch the website for the new schedule and 4-H portion of the Exhibitor Handbook to be posted soon. In addition, remember that the minimum market weight for swine is 210 lbs at this year's fair. Animals under that weight will not be eligible for the 4-H sale.

As always please feel free to call me with any questions. Dennis Deaton 461-2844

Beef Project



Hello Beef Kids - Great job with weigh in! The steers look good and everyone is off to a good start. Now is the time to have your steers on a full feed and push as much as possible as when it gets hot in June and July it may be hard to gain weight to finish your steer. I believe it is easier to slow down a steer in those months than it is to plan to finish fast at the end.

Starting in March, we will have monthly scale nights to weigh your steer. It is also a great experience for your steer to load and haul to town a few times before fair. Plus, about a month before fair we will schedule a hoof trimming date so your steers will be ready for fair. Also for those who wish to attend a jackpot show to help prepare for fair and get a leg up on showmanship, there is a good show series here in Montana. Several show dates have been

announced including the Golden Triangle Preview in Great Falls which is scheduled for April 18th and the Helena Jackpot on June 13th. If you are interested in attending some shows you are welcome to contact me directly and I can get you a complete list of show dates as it is released.

Keep up the good work and please call me if you ever have any questions!

Shane Tamcke
Beef Superintendent
560-5470

Dairy Cattle

Calling all dairy members!! Let's meet **February 15th, 4:00 at the Pizza Hut across from Walmart**. We will discuss what your plans are for this upcoming year, and meet everybody.

I, Marilyn deMontigny, am the new Dairy Superintendent! I am eager to help everyone out this year and am always available for questions.

I hope you will be able to join us, and if possible could you call to mention if you are able to come or not, as we do not have many people enrolled in dairy. Thank You!!!!

Marilyn deMontigny - (406) 227-5177

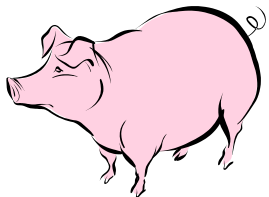
Sheep Project

We will be having a selection, caring and feeding workshop on March 29 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at my Barn at 863 Sunny Vista Rd. Lisa Surber, Sheep Specialist from MSU, will conduct the workshop. She will do a PowerPoint presentation on selecting, determining muscling potential and how to determine fat cover on lamb. Each 4-Hers will learn how to determine muscling on a lamb by handling actual lambs.



If you have questions about the sheep project or this workshop contact Jeff Patten @422-3796 or email at blaackraam@gmail.com.

Swine



Hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather we are having. There is not a lot happening. Make sure you're on a list, or are working on getting on a list, for pigs. We will be doing a Care and Housing Workshop on March 8th at 2:00 at the BHB. We will hopefully have another workshop before the end of the month as well. I, again, want to remind everyone that the minimum weight for pigs this year is 210 pounds. We have moved the maximum weight up to 300 pounds.

As always if you have questions contact David Hamilton at 431-1948 or email at davidhamilton431@gmail.com

Helena Jackpot Show



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Helena Jackpot Show is scheduled for June 13, 2015 in the Multipurpose Building. This is a great opportunity for you to practice showing your lamb, steer, heifer or pig before the fair.

Any questions contact Jeff Patten at 422-3796

Dog Project



The dog project continues to meet as session two is underway. Please keep watching your emails for session details and project information. Thank you for your continued interest in the project. As always if you have any questions or need more information, please contact Karen at [406-459-3030](tel:406-459-3030) or eatnsleephorses@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Horse Committee Meeting

The Horse Committee Meeting is **February 16, 2015 at 5:30** in the BHB. Future meetings are April 20, May 18, June 15 and tentatively July 13, 2015.

Jr Superintendent

The horse project is still looking for a Jr Superintendent. If you are 14 years old and interested please fill out the application and submit it to the 4-H office.

Upcoming Events

Riding Workshops – 1-4 pm in the Multipurpose Building

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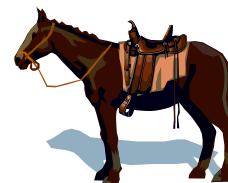
Mar 15

Apr 19 – Date changed

May 3

May 30

June 20 – Tentative Practice Show Date



Please don't enter the arena before 1pm. Other individuals may have rented the arena before us and are entitled to the full time they paid for.

Riding dates will be cancelled if the forecasted high for the day is below 25 degrees.

Indoor Workshops – In the BHB

February 7 at 2 pm – BHB – Helmet Safety and Horse Care & Safety Videos

May – TBA – Helmet Safety and Horse Care & Safety Videos – Last time for the 4-H year.

Horse Project Facebook

Please come join us on Facebook: Lewis & Clark County 4-H Horse Project

HORSE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Horse Enrollment Fee

The horse program would not be able to function without an enrollment fee. **A \$50 enrollment fee is Due NO LATER than February 1st or at FIRST riding workshop.** Horse enrollment fee's offset the cost of arena time, clinic fees and other activities and awards throughout the year. Forms are available online and at the Extension office. Please pay the horse enrollment fee at the office or at the first activity. This fee must be paid to participate in the upcoming horse events.

Helmet Safety Video

Participants in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a helmet education workshop and view the video "Every Ride Every Time" once as a junior 4-H member (9-13) and once as a senior member (14 and up). At the end of the video, parent can sign the Horse Project Waiver and Helmet Policy Form. Early participation is encouraged. Viewing this video is required in order for horse members to participate in upcoming horse riding clinics and the Fair.

Horse Care and Safety Training (HCS)

All new horse members or members who didn't take HCS (formerly Horse QA) for Horse last year are required to take the Horse Care and Safety Training class this year. This training will be offered a limited number of times, so please plan to take care of this training early.

Please watch the Newsletters for the next dates on the Helmet Safety Video and Horse Care and Safety Training. May is the last time the videos will be offered for this 4-H year.

The horse project has a new email address lc4hhorseproject@gmail.com

Any questions give me a call 431-1598 or email lc4hhorseproject@gmail.com.
Vanessa

February 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Air Rifle 6:00/7:00 pm	4 Leathercraft Level 1 4:00 pm	5 Archery 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm	6 Dog Agility 5:30 pm	7 Dog Obedience 9:00 am Horse Helmet & Safety 2:00
8 Sewing 2:00 pm	9 Outdoor Committee Mtg 5:30 pm	10 Air Rifle 6:00/7:00 pm	11 Leathercraft Level 1 4:00 pm Photography 4:30 pm Council Meeting 5:30 pm	12 Archery 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm	13 Dog Agility 5:30 pm	14 Dog Obedience 9:00 am
15 Teen Leadership 12:00 pm Dairy Cattle 4:00	16 - OFFICE CLOSED - Horse Committee 5:30 pm	17 Air Rifle 6:00/7:00 pm	18 Cloverbuds 4:30 pm Marketing Workshop 6:00	19 Archery 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm	20	21 Stir-Ups 8:30 am Grand Foods 10:00 am
22 Horse Riding 1:00	23 Indoor Committee Mtg 5:30 pm	24 Air Rifle 6:00/7:00 pm	25	26 Photography 4:30 pm Archery 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm	27 Dog Agility 5:30 pm	28 Dog Showmanship 9:00 am